

SPRING BRANCH SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD WEST

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— Who? — What? — When? — Where? — Why? — How? —



These are the questions you should ask before supporting an organization. We want your support and have attempted to answer these questions to your satisfaction to gain your support. If you have any unanswered questions, please contact any of our officers or delegates.

Who? —

**SPRING BRANCH SUPER
NEIGHBORHOOD WEST (SBSNW)**
is an organization of some of the local leaders
of our community representing their combined
organizations in a coalition.

What? — SBSNW "is a Texas non-profit corporation organized to promote the civic betterment and social welfare and well-being of the residents, business and property owners and other stakeholder groups within its boundaries, and to promote and engage in activities for their use and benefit." This legalese for: "**organized to help the community help themselves, and permit you to contribute to the effort with tax deductible funds.**" Don't stop reading; we are being upfront and honest with you, so give us a few minutes and listen to our pitch!

When? — SBSNW was formed in May of 2000 and officially recognized by the City and Mayor Brown.

Where? — SBSNW generally is **bounded on the south** by I-10 from Blalock to Westwick, **on the west** by Westwick north to the Addicks Reservoir eastern boundary and north to Clay, **on the north** by Clay east from the Addicks Reservoir to Beltway 8, south along Beltway 8 to Hammerly Blvd., Hammerly Blvd. east to Teague, Teague south to Neuens, Neuens east to Blalock, and **on the east** by Blalock from I-10 North to Neuens

Why? — SBSNW officially exists to communicate community needs and priorities primarily to the City of Houston, but also to other similar entities, such as the County, Metro, TXDot, etc. **SBSNW** really exists to provide a means for our community come together, in an informed manner, to be heard by those that need to hear us and accomplish common objectives to improve our community.

How? — Now that you've gone this far, we hope you're somewhat intrigued and will turn the page to learn more. We'll warn you now though, if you really listen to our pitch, it will cost you time or money or both.

We're fixin' to spring the question!

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How does SBSNW get things done? **Volunteers and contributions.** There are no paid staff, and all expenses are covered by contributions.

How does SBSNW communicate? **E-mail & the web!** We are at www.shasteen.com/sbc/sbsn-w.htm — sign up to be on e-mail distribution or e-mail ray@shasteen.com. Or attend monthly meetings at the Spring Branch Medical Center, generally the second Tuesday of each month.

How can SBSNW make a difference? **Success, legitimacy, access, credibility, & recognition!**

SBSNW is officially recognized and endorsed by the City as THE organization in our area representing stakeholders. With community support, we have the opportunity to leverage our efforts because city officials know we represent stakeholders that expect the City to address our concerns and needs.

How does SBSNW promote itself? **Contacts! Contacts! Contacts!** We work daily at the grassroots level to garner support and accomplish objectives. With delegates and alternates from almost all civic associations in the area, SBSNW presently is heavily influenced by the residential community. Increasing non-residential stakeholder participation is one of our goals because with a broader base of support, the likelihood of success is greater and the likelihood of successfully accomplishing objectives is increased.

How does SBSNW determine it's projects? **Capacity, capability, availability, and support!**

All projects are lead by a representative of the community and only succeed if promoted and supported. Remember the way the community came together to fight state approval of the environmental business request to locate in our area? Our most important assets, members of our community, came together and successfully lobbied for the proper decision, the rejection of the application.

How can SBSNW use my contribution? **Matching Grants for community improvement.** All money raised is used to the greatest extent possible to obtain matching grants from city and other sources. If you contribute \$25 and your company matches it, we attempt to obtain another \$50 to go with it.

How can SBSNW use my help? **Volunteer your time or contribute funds to targeted projects!**

SBSNW always need two things; people being the most important, and money! Either from you helps. (SBSNW has applied with the IRS to be approved as a 501 c(3) corporation which means that your contributions will be tax deductible.) Contact any officer and/or mail us a check using the information on the next page. Some of the projects we are working on, a brief explanation, and projected budget costs:

Knob Hill Park Improvement - Trees in this park were lost to pine bark beetles and several of our civic organizations are working with various entities including Texaco, the city's Park Department and others to re-forest this park. Some seedlings have already been obtained for planting and the work is on-going. Lighting and other facilities improvements are also being sought. Estimated cost: \$5000 plus time.

Gessner Esplanade Adoption - The esplanades on Gessner from Interstate-10 north to Hammerly are a main focal point of our community and their beautification is our major targeted long term project. We intend to raise the funds to beautify them to look as good as those by Memorial City and recruit sponsors to adopt them for long term maintenance. Estimated cost: \$200,000.

Long Point Redevelopment - This project is one we share with other Spring Branch Super Neighborhoods. The initial objective is to obtain government funding to convert Long Point to a boulevard (4 lanes with esplanades and turn lanes) Hempstead Highway to Conrad Sauer. Estimated cost: \$15,000,000 in governmental project costs followed by costs similar to the Gessner esplanades after redevelopment.

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Detach, complete, attach check made payable to Spring Branch Super Neighborhood West and give to a representative or mail to: Attn: Ray Shasteen, 10128 Brinwood, Houston, TX 77043. You will be listed as indicated on our website and we will mail a receipt for your contribution to the address listed.

Name: _____ **Organization:** _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____ **Day or Night Phone:** _____ D ____ N ____

E-mail: _____

Contributor Listing As: _____

Amount: \$10 \$20 \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$250 Other _____

Project: _____

Comments: _____

Thank you for your interest and participation.